

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that claims 2-5 and 8-11 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Claims 2 and 8 have been rewritten in independent form with some clarification. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12-14 have been canceled. Claims 2-5 and 8-11 remain pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasuda. The rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 12-14 have been canceled and thus this rejection is no longer applicable to those claims.

Regarding claims 2-5 and 8-11, as agreed by the Office Action, these claims include allowable subject matter. Consequently, all pending claims now recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the § 102 rejection be withdrawn and claims 2-5 and 8-11 be allowed.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in immediate condition for allowance.

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